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**Electronic Filing gets uploadable data, no-business return capabilities**

**OLYMPIA, Wash.,** Oct. 15, 2002— The Department of Revenue has enhanced its popular Electronic Filing service (ELF) to let businesses upload tax information and file no-business tax returns when no taxable activity has occurred.

The data upload feature had been requested by taxpayers who didn't want to have to reenter data that they've already keyed into spreadsheets or other accounting software.

Agency Director Will Rice said the new feature should prove useful to businesses with large amounts of data, such as those that code taxes to many locations.

"We're trying hard to make enhancements that our customers request so ELF becomes an even better alternative to filing old-fashioned paper tax returns," he said.

At the other end of the filing spectrum are taxpayers that owe no taxes for a given reporting period but are still required to notify the Department. The new no-business-return feature allows these taxpayers to file simply and quickly.

Additional features to be added beginning January 2, 2003 include the ability to file returns for past periods and to view previously filed ELF returns.

More than 24,000 businesses now choose to file their tax returns electronically rather than by old-fashioned paper returns. In addition to cutting down on paperwork, this free service improves the accuracy of returns by automatically calculating taxes due and flagging any potential errors or omissions before a return is filed.

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